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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Safwat Tadros et al.)
Serial No.: 10/705,590) Group Art Unit: 3732
Filed: 10 November 2003)
For: FORMABLE SHEETS FOR MEDICAL) Before the Examiner:
APPLICATIONS AND METHODS) Bumgarner, Melba
OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §121

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated 12 November 2004. The Examiner contends that: Group I, Claims 1-20 drawn to an appliance and method of using classified in Class 433 subclass 6; and Group II, Claims 21-23, drawn to a method of manufacturing an appliance, classified in Class 264, subclass 19. Pursuant to MPEP §§806.04, 806.05(c), 806.05(d), 808.01, and 35 U.S.C. §121 the Examiner requires restriction between Groups I and II.

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Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, with traverse. This election is being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to Group II, Claims 21 - 23, including the right to file divisional application(s) thereon.

If there are any charges with respect to this Restriction Requirement, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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